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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due June 26, 2003. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith extending the time to reply up to and including July 28, 2003 (July 26, 2003 is a Saturday). Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, check and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Postcard;
- Exhibit A.

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